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1. World Patent No. WO 00/66186
2. U. S. Patent No. 4,687,635
3. World Patent No. WO 99/32162
4. World Patent No. WO 01/58499

5. U. S. Patent No. 5,868,999

6. Patent Abstracts of Japan; Vol. 1995, No. 08, 29  
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KIKAI SEISAKUSHO:KK), 30 May 1995, Abstract.

Documents 3-6 were cited as state of the art "A" type references.

Documents 1 and 2 were cited as obvious "Y" type references.

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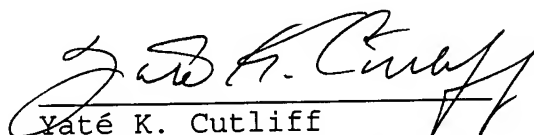


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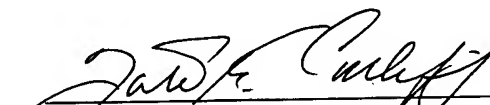
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